

DRESDEN SUSPENSION BRIDGE  
State Route 208 spanning  
the Muskingum River  
Dresden  
Muskingum County  
Ohio

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Location: Along Ohio Route 208 over the  
Muskingum River, Dresden, Muskingum  
County, Ohio.

UTM: 17/414740/4441420

Date of Construction: 1914

Fabricator: The Bellefontaine Bridge and Steel  
Company of Bellefontaine, Ohio  
built the superstructure.

Present Owner: County of Muskingum (County  
Commissioners), Court House,  
Zanesville, Ohio

Present Use: Abandoned

Significance: The 705' bridge is a rare example  
of an eye-bar suspension bridge.  
Such bridges were popular during  
the 19th century and early  
twentieth century.

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